

Management of **Influenza and ILI** in **BMTU / CHOC / NICU**

◆ Taking Nasopharyngeal Swabs

- ◆ Use Nasopharyngeal Swab according to pre-made swab pack supplied to your area
 - ◆ Ensure patient blows nose prior to collection

Suspected ILI in BMTU, CHOC and NICU

Admit to single room (incubator in NICU) in Contact and Droplet Precautions

Test **NEGATIVE (-ve)**
Respiratory PCR/ Rapid Test

Standard Precautions
Educate patient on cough and
sneeze etiquette and hand
hygiene

Test **POSITIVE (+ve)**
other respiratory viruses

**Droplet and Contact
Precautions**
until symptoms resolve

Test **POSITIVE (+ve)**
for influenza

**Droplet and Contact precautions
for
a minimum of
72 hours
and / or until symptoms resolve
(regardless of chemoprophylaxis)
(Children ≤ 5 years for 5 days)**

For further information refer to Respiratory Guidelines

- ⇒ rapid molecular testing and Respiratory PCR will be run for these areas
- ⇒ educate and encourage patient to follow respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene
- ⇒ ensure environmental surfaces are cleaned regularly each shift to reduce contamination
- ⇒ Terminal clean on discontinuation of isolation precautions

For other healthcare settings refer to Management of Influenza and ILI in Healthcare Settings (Appendix B)